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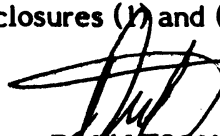
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(2) Basic Chronology

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COMMAND HISTORY FOR NINETEEN-EIGHTY-FIVE

Nineteen-eighty-five was an extremely busy year for USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2) and her crew. The year began with preparations for the ship's upcoming Middle East Force deployment. January saw many working parties loading stores and supplies onboard the ship, including an all hands effort in late January to load weapons and ammunition for the deployment. Training for a wartime environment was top priority.

On February 4th, the ship departed for her second Middle East Force deployment in her twenty-five year career. This month was spent transiting the Atlantic Ocean with the other ships training enroute Rota, Spain, where they arrived February 16th before transiting the Straits of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean Sea February 17th. Once in the Mediterranean Sea, CHARLES F. ADAMS arrived in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, February 19th and stayed until February 22nd.

After departing Palma, the ship trekked eastward toward the Suez Canal and in the early morning of February 26th, crossed into the Red Sea.

Once in the Red Sea, CHARLES F. ADAMS made a brief fuel stop in Djibouti March 3rd, and three days later entered what was to be her home for the next four months.....the Persian Gulf, where she rendezvoused with USS MCINERNEY (FFG-8) for INCHOP to the Middle East Forces.

Shortly after arriving on the scene in the Gulf, CHARLES F. ADAMS had a week long upkeep period in Manama, Bahrain March 15 to 21 with USS LASALLE (AGF-3), the famous "GREAT WHITE GHOST OF THE ARABIAN COAST." CHARLES F. ADAMS then returned March 23-24 for minor repairs to one of her radar systems. The ship also had a second upkeep period May 24-30 in Bahrain, again with LASALLE, as well as several fuel stops at Sitra Anchorage just offshore Bahrain. On June 15th the ship anchored by LASALLE in Sitra to provide the crew the opportunity to see a U.S.O. show onboard LASALLE.

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CHARLES F. ADAMS ventured out of the Gulf April 3-8 for a port visit to Karachi, Pakistan, famous for it's hand-crafted onyx, persian rugs and rosewood products. Also during April, the ship had a two day port visit to Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia. The ship again visited Saudi Arabia July 2nd-4th, only this time it was the city of Jeddah, the holy city of Mecca. Both visits in Saudi Arabia were followed by several days of various exercises with ships from the Royal Saudi Navy.

While in the Persian Gulf, CHARLES F. ADAMS and her crew saw many of the battle scarred ships that had been victims of Iraqui and Iranian missiles fired upon them as both countries retaliated against each other during their ongoing conflict in the area.

On July 1st, CHARLES F. ADAMS was relieved in the Persian Gulf by USS KLAKRING (FFG-42). The day after OUTCHOP, the ship stopped in Djibouti for three days. While there, the ship held a reception for the American Ambassador and several others stationed at the American Embassy in Djibouti.

On July 20-24 CHARLES F. ADAMS made her last port visit of the deployment in Lisbon, Portugal. This visit provided the crew an excellent opportunity to rest and do last minute gift shopping before starting the twelve day trip across the Atlantic.

After leaving Lisbon, CHARLES F. ADAMS began her final leg of a long, successful voyage. Upon completion of her final fuel stop in Bermuda, the only task left for CHARLES F. ADAMS was to greet the smiling families and friends awaiting them on the pier in Mayport on August 5th.

From August 5th to September 4th, the ship was in modified working hours during the upkeep period to allow two separate leave periods for the crew. During this time the crew becam reaquainted with their families and friends as well as clean and repair the ship.

The month of September marked a quarter of a century service for CHARLES F. ADAMS as she celebrated her twenty-fifth birthday, September 10th. The crew commemorated the occasion with a cake cutting ceremony held on the Mess Decks on September 10th.

Following the upkeep and leave periods, CHARLES F. ADAMS was once again underway and headed out to the local operating areas for routine training and maneuvers. In late September, CHARLES F. ADAMS stayed busy in between upkeep periods by sailing down south to the Caribbean Sea for qualification of her two 5"/54 caliber gun mounts. The ship arrived in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico and that same morning she rounded the island of Vieques where she quickly and efficiently passed her required gunnery exercises. The trip had special meaning for the ship and her crew as it marked the last mission for Captain Robert J. Branco, Commanding Officer, at the helm.

On October 11th, the ship held a Change of Command ceremony and during this ceremony, Captain Branco was relieved of the ship's command by Commander David Watson, current Commanding Officer.

The first big test to face the crew under the command of Commander Watson was a series of Nuclear Weapons Inspections which tested the crew's abilities to handle, store and if need be, contain an accident. This series of events happened in the month of November.

The day after Thanksgiving, the ship departed Mayport for her last task of the busy year, Law Enforcement Operations in the Caribbean Sea with the Coast Guard. During this evolution, the ship was once again tested as she didn't see land until she returned home. This meant several replenishments underway for fuel with Military Sealift Command Oilers.

CHARLES F. ADAMS returned home December 17th and shortly thereafter, the crew finished the year with two well deserved leave periods.

Nineteen-eighty-five was a typically busy year for CHARLES F. ADAMS. As always, the ship proved to be truly "FIRST IN CLASS-SECOND TO NONE," as she met every task at hand-----and then some.

PART I
BASIC CHRONOLOGY

1 - 27 JAN	Inport Naval Station, Mayport
28 JAN	Operations Jacksonville Op Area
28 JAN - 3 FEB	Inport Naval Station, Mayport
4 - 15 FEB	Transit to Rota, Spain
15 FEB	Inport Naval Station, Rota, Spain
15 - 18 FEB	Transit to Palma, Mallorca
18 - 21 FEB	Inport Palma, Mallorca
21 - 26 FEB	Transit to Port Siad, Egypt
26 - 27 FEB	Inport Port Siad, Egypt
27 FEB - 3 MAR	Transit to Djibouti
3 MAR	Inport Djibouti
3 - 11 MAR	Transit to Bahrain, Persian Gulf
11 MAR	At Anchor Bahrain
11 - 15 MAR	Underway Persian Gulf
15 - 21 MAR	Inport Bahrain
21 - 23 MAR	Underway Persian Gulf
23 - 25 MAR	Inport Bahrain
25 - 31 MAR	Underway Persian Gulf
31 MAR	At Anchor, Ras Al Khaymah, UAE
31 MAR - 3 APR	Transit to Karachi, Pakistan
3 - 8 APR	Inport Karachi, Pakistan
8 - 11 APR	Transit to Persian Gulf
11 APR	At Anchor Bahrain
11 - 14 APR	Underway Persian Gulf
14 - 16 APR	Inport Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia
16 - 18 APR	Underway Persian Gulf
18 APR	At Anchor, Doha, Qatar
18 - 27 APR	Underway Persian Gulf
27 APR	At Anchor, Mina Jebel Ali, UAE
27 - 30 APR	Underway Persian Gulf
30 APR	At Anchor, Bahrain
30 APR - 6 MAY	Underway Persian Gulf
6 MAY	At Anchor, Bahrain

6 - 8 MAY	Underway Persian Gulf
8 MAY	At Anchor, Ras Al Khaima
8 - 14 MAY	Underway Persian Gulf
14 - 16 MAY	At Anchor, Bahrain
16 - 18 MAY	Underway Persian Gulf
18 MAY	At Anchor, Mina Jebel Ali
18 - 23 MAY	Underway Persian Gulf
23 - 30 MAY	Inport, Bahrain
30 MAY - 4 JUN	Underway Persian Gulf
4 JUN	At Anchor, Bahrain
4 - 15 JUN	Underway Persian Gulf
15 - 16 JUN	At Anchor, Bahrain
16 - 22 JUN	Underway Persian Gulf
22 JUN	At Anchor, Bahrain
22 - 26 JUN	Underway Persian Gulf
26 JUN - 2 JUL	Underway Persian Gulf/Transit to Djibouti
2 - 5 JUL	Inport, Djibouti
5 - 7 JUL	Transit to Jidda, Saudi Arabia
7 - 9 JUL	Inport, Jidda, Saudi Arabia
9 - 13 JUL	Transit to ROTES MEER
13 - 14 JUL	At Anchor, Suez Bay
14 - 20 JUL	Underway, Transit to Mittelmeer
20 - 20 JUL	Inport, Rota, Spain
20 - 21 JUL	Underway, Transit
21 - 24 JUL	Inport, Libson, Portugal
24 - 27 JUL	Underway, Transit
27 - 27 JUL	Inport, Ponta Delgada, Azores
27 JUL - 2 AUG	Underway, Transit
2 - 2 AUG	Inport, Hamilton, Bermuda
2 - 5 AUG	Underway, Transit
5 - 31 AUG	Inport, Naval Station Mayport, FL
1 - 2 SEP	Underway
2 - 23 SEP	Inport, Naval Station Mayport, FL
23 - 26 SEP	Underway, Transit
26 - 26 SEP	Inport, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

26 - 28 SEP	Underway, Transit
28 - 28 SEP	Inport, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
28 SEP - 2 OCT	Underway, Transit
2 - 9 OCT	Inport Mayport, FL
9 OCT	Shifted berths to Blount Island due to Hurricane Isabelle
10 OCT	Shifted berths to Naval Station Mayport
10 - 16 OCT	Inport Mayport, FL
16 - 19 OCT	Underway Jacksonville Op Area
19 OCT - 13 NOV	Inport Mayport, FL
13 - 15 NOV	Underway Jacksonville Op Area
15 - 29 NOV	Inport Mayport, FL
29 NOV - 17 DEC	Underway Caribbean LEO Ops
17 - 31 DEC	Inport Mayport, FL